

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MEXICO 09906 160004Z
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 IO-13 JUSE-00
NSAE-00 CTME-00 SNM-05 TRSE-00 ICA-11 NSC-05
OES-07 OMB-01 /067 W
-----087893 170242Z /73

R 152357Z MAY 78
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0871
DEAHQS WASHDC
EPIC EL PASO TX

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MEXICO 09906

DEA MEX 0619
DEAHQS FOR ENOL/GALANOS, IG/FINK, IDIG.
EPIC FOR FLUHR.

E.O. 11652:N/A
TAGS:SNAR/MX
SUBJECT: MEXICAN OFFICIALS VISIT TO EPIC, JUNE 10, 1978.

1. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10TH, AFTER A WORKING BREAKFAST AT THE FIESTA REAL HOTEL IN CIUDAD JUAREZ, LICENCIADO FERNANDO BAEZA-MELANDEZ, EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL (AG), AND INGENIERO SALVADOR MARISCAL-FLORES, ACCOMPANIED BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR JACQUES I. KIERE TOOK A TOUR OF EPIC.

2. THE EPIC TOUR WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN CONVINCING LICENCIADO BAEZA THAT MUCH WORK NEEDED TO BE DONE BY AG FLORES' OFFICE TO REACH AN INTELLIGENCE HANDLING CAPABILITY. LIC. BAEZA LINKED EPIC'S CAPABILITY WITH THE PAN AMERICAN INTERDICTION PROGRAM (OPERATION "TIGRE") ESPECIALLY AFTER HE UNDERSTOOD HANDLING OF OPERATION STOP-GAP AND THE INTERAGENCY COOPERATION WHICH TOOK PLACE.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MEXICO 09906 160004Z

3. WE TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN OPERATION "PEG-LEG" AND LIC. BAEZA GAVE HIS FULL SUPPORT, TO INCLUDE COORDINATION WITH MEXICAN NAVY AND THE USE OF GOM AIRCRAFT.

4. AFTER THE TOUR, LIC. BAEZA STATED THAT AG FLORES WANTED TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT UNDER THE

ORDERS OF COMANDANTE FLORENTINO VENTURA. LIC. BAEZA SUGGESTED THAT WE (DEA, WITH HIS GUIDANCE) PREPARE A GOALS AND OBJECTIVES PAPER TO INCLUDE: OPERATION "TIGRE", OPERATION "PEGLEG", ACTIVATION OF THE MEXICAN INTELLIGENCE UNIT (M.I.U.) AND INTERDICTION PROGRAMS ALONG THE GUATEMALAN BORDER. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE WAS CONTEMPLATING A REQUEST FOR REMOTE RADAR CAPABILITY ALONG THAT BORDER. LIC. BAEZA SAID HE WOULD CONVERT THE MAJORITY OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT TO INTERDICTION AND PATROL DUTY.

5. REGION 15 INTENDS TO PROVIDE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE MISSION, A BREADBOARD PLANNING DOCUMENT, TO BE REFINED WITH THE HELP OF LIC. BAEZA, FOR SUBMISSION TO AG FLORES. WASHINGTON WILL, OF COURSE, BE KEPT ADVISED OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. LIC. BAEZA WELCOMED THIS APPROACH, SAID HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT. LIC. BAEZA ADDED THAT AG FLORES WANTED TO CREATE A VERY HIGH LEVEL COMMISSION TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE OBJECTIVES.

7. HQS COMMENTS ARE SOUGHT, SINCE IT APPEARS DEA CAN TAILOR-MAKE ITS RESPONSE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

8. REGION 15 THANKS EPIC FOR ITS COOPERATION WHICH
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MEXICO 09906 160004Z

GREATLY AIDED IN REACHING A MUCH BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO.

9. COMMENT: DURING CONVERSATION WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANT ON JUNE 14 AND AGAIN IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANT AND NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE ATTACHE SAME DAY, LIC. BAEZA COMMENTED MOST FAVORABLY ON HIS VISIT TO EPIC AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THERE WAS MUCH THAT GOM AND DEA COULD DO TOGETHER. HIS EXPOSURE TO EPIC SEEMS TO HAVE INITIATED AN ENTIRELY NEW PERSPECTIVE ON INTELLIGENCE IN GENERAL AND THE HELP THAT DEA CAN PROVIDE IN PARTICULAR. SOUTHERN BORDER RADAR DID NOT SURFACE IN JUNE 14 CONVERSATIONS AND, SHOULD LIC. BAEZA RAISE SUBJECT IN FUTURE, WE WILL DISCUSS SUBJECT IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL NATIONAL PLAN. LUCEY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG CONTROL, VISITS, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 15 may 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978MEXICO09906
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780253-0254
Format: TEL
From: MEXICO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780559/aaaabxpn.tel
Line Count: 109
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: f7841c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 jul 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2689940
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEXICAN OFFICIALS VISIT TO EPIC, JUNE 10, 1978.
TAGS: SNAR, MX, EPIC
To: STATE DEA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/f7841c9f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014